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IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING

SE/S Belair Road, 150' SW of

the c/l of Horn Avenue (9523 Belair Road) 11th Election District 5th Councilmanic District

Orville M. Jones Petitioner * BEFORE THE

* ZONING COMMISSIONER

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 95-216-SPH

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FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Special Hearing for that property known as 9523 Belair Road, located in the vicinity of Perry Hall. The Petition was filed by the owner of the property, Orville M. Jones. The Petitioner seeks approval of a waiver of the Department of Public Works standards from making certain road improvements along the rear property line fronting Horn Avenue for a proposed car wash that was approved by the Baltimore County Board of Appeals in prior Case Nos. XI-610 and 93-214-SPHX.

Appearing at the hearing on behalf of the Petition were Orville M. Jones, property owner, Judith Floam, a Consultant with Colbert, Matz, Rosenfelt, and Woolfolk, Inc., the engineering firm that prepared the site plan for this property, and John B. Gontrum, Esquire, attorney for the Petitioner. There were no Protestants or other interested persons present.

Consideration of the proposed development of the subject property originally came before me as a combined Development Plan and Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Exception in Case Nos. XI-610 and 93-214-SPHX. In that matter, Mr. Jones petitioned this Commissioner for approval of a development plan, pursuant to the development regulations as codified in Title 26, Article V of the Baltimore County Code (B.C.C.), and a special exception to permit a car wash use in a B.L. zone. By my Opinion and Order

dated April 28, 1993, I denied the Petition for Special Exception. Moreover, the Petition for Special Hearing was withdrawn in open hearing. I
also held that consideration of the development plan was moot and withheld
approval of same in view of the denial of the special exception.
Undeterred, the Petitioner filed an appeal to the Baltimore County Board
of Appeals. The Board reheard the case as provided in the B.C.C., and
upon due consideration of the facts presented, granted the Petition for
Special Exception and approved the development plan. The matter has been
further appealed by the Office of People's Counsel and opposing neighbors
and is pending before the Court of Special Appeals at this time.

As noted in my earlier opinion, the subject property is a narrow, yet deep lot consisting of a net area of 0.74 acres, which fronts on Belair Road. The front 0.63 acres is zoned B.L., and the remaining 0.11 acres to the rear of the site is zoned D.R. 16. The Petitioner proposes to develop the site with a car wash. The proposed building will be perpendicular to Belair Road as shown on the plan. On the original plan, the Petitioner showed certain public works improvements to Horn Avenue, which borders the rear of this lot, adjacent to the D.R. 16 zoned portion of the site. On the other side of Horn Avenue, a residential community known as Ludwig Estates is situated.

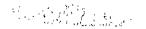
In the instant case, the matter comes before me as a Petition for Special Hearing. The relief requested therein is quite unusual. As noted above, the request seeks a waiver of Department of Public Works standards for certain road improvements to the rear of the subject site. Specifically, the Petitioner seeks a waiver of Public Works standards which would require curb, gutter and sidewalks to the rear of the subject site. It was proffered at the hearing that the Petitioner/Developer is dedicating

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an additional 10-foot right-of-way along the rear property line adjacent to Horn Avenue and would be paving an additional 5 feet of that roadway. However, notwithstanding these improvements, the Petitioner believes that full Public Works standards (i.e., curb, gutter and sidewalks) need not be installed. I agree. As set forth in my initial opinion in the prior case. I am appreciative of the residential character of the rear of this lot and community adjacent thereto. It seems most appropriate to me to foster the residential appearance of the property which abuts this neighborhood. Horn Avenue is a lightly travelled street, to which there will be no vehicular access from the subject car wash. There seems to be no logical reason to require improvements to this street and alter the character of same from a residential roadway to a commercial corridor. Moreover, the absence of any representatives from the Department of Public Works at the hearing, prevented the presentation of any testimony which was compelling in support of the full improvements. Thus, in my view, the relief requested in the Petition for Special Hearing should be granted.

It is also worth noting in passing that the request contained within the instant Petition for Special Hearing is unusual. This Zoning Commissioner cannot recall a similar case being so filed, although Section 500.7 of the B.C.Z.R. provides the Commissioner with wide discretion and authority. Clearly, the effect of this Petition is a request to amend the previously approved site plan/development plan for the project which is pending at the Court of Special Appeals.

Moreover, Section 26-172 of the B.C.C. is not a bar to the relief sought. That Section does provide the Hearing Officer the authority to grant waivers from certain development regulations at the request of a Department Director. It has been held that waivers may be granted only



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when a request is so made by a Department Director. Although no request has been made in this case, it is equally clear that this matter does not come before me sitting as a Hearing Officer, and thus, the development regulations are not applicable. Rather, my authority in this instance is derived from Section 500.7 of the B.C.Z.R. and the special hearing provisions thereunder.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth above, the special hearing relief requested shall be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore day of April, 1995 that the Petition for Special Hearing seeking approval of a waiver of the Department of Public Works standards from making certain road improvements along the rear property line fronting Horn Avenue for a proposed car wash that was approved by the Baltimore County Board of Appeals in prior Case Nos. XI-610 and 93-214-SPHX, accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

> The Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

> > LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT

Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning



Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

April 5, 1995

John B. Gontrum, Esquire 814 Eastern Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21221

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING
SE/S Belair Road, 150' SW of the c/l of Horn Avenue
(9523 Belair Road)
11th Election District - 5th Councilmanic District
Orville M. Jones - Petitioner
Case No. 95-216-SPH

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Special Hearing has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

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cc: Mr. Orville M. Jones 9533 Belair Road, Baltimore, Md. 21236

Ms. Judith Floam, Colbert, Matz, Rosenfelt & Woolfolk, Inc. 3723 Old Court Road, Suite 206, Baltimore, Md. 21208

People's Counsel

File



Petition for Special Hearing

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

for the property located at

9523 BELAIR ROAD

which is presently zoned BL & DR-16

Next Two Months

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

A WAIVER OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STANDARDS FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO MAKE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE REAR PROPERTY FRONTAGE ON HORN AVENUE (SEE ATTACHED).

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Legal Owner(s): ORVILLE M. JONES (Type or Print Name) Signature Address (Type or Print Name) City Signature 9533 BELAIR ROAD Attorney for Petitioner: Address JOHN GUNTRUM, BALTIMORE, MD (Type or Print Name) Zipcode Name, Address and phone number of representative to be contacted. JUDITH FLOAM COLBERT MATZ ROSENFELT & WOOLFOLK, INC. EASTERN BLVD 686-8274 TIMORE, MD 21208 TIMORE, 21221 Zipcode ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING unavailable for Hearing

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CONTAINING 0.81 acres of land, more or less and located in the 11th election district.

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LAWRENCE SCHMIDT,
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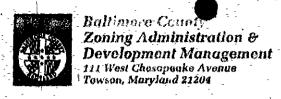
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ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

- Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.
- 2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper. NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

ARNOLD JABLON, DIRECTOR

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The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore
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Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 95-216-SPH (Item 208)

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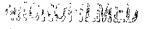
HEARING: FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 106, County Office Building.

Special Hearing to approve a waiver of the Department of Public Works standards from the requirement to make road improvements along the rear property frontage on Horn Avenue.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT
ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Director

cc: Orville M. Jones

John Gontrum, Esq.

Judith Floam

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Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

January 13, 1995

John Guntrum, Esquire 814 Eastern Blvd. Baltimore, Maryland 21221

RE: Item No.: 208

Case No.: 95-216SPH

Petitioner: Orville Jones

Dear Mr. Guntrum:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approving agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. Said petition was accepted for processing by, the Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management (ZADM), Development Control Section on December 12, 1994.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties; i.e., zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc. are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

Sincerely,

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Supervisor

WCR/jw Attachment(s)

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

Date: January 5, 1995

Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM:

Dobert W. Bowling, Chief Developers Engineering Section

SUBJECT:

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

for January 3, 1995

Item No. 208

The Developers Engineering Section has reviewed the subject zoning item. This site is subject to all previous landscape review comments. In addition, the previous comments from the Development Review Committee recommended against granting a waiver of the improvements to Horn Avenue. These improvements are the responsibility of the Developer. This is still the position of the Department of Public Works.

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cc: File

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MARYLAND BALTIMORE COUNTY,

THTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration &

Development Management

FROM: Pat Keller, Director

Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE: January 3, 1995

SUBJECT: 9523 Belair Rd.

INFORMATION:

Item Number: 208

Orville M. Jones Petitioner:

Property Size:

BL & DR-16 Zoning:

Requested Action:

Special Hearing

Hearing Date:

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Based upon an analysis of the information provided, staff defers to the position of the Department of Public Works regarding the subject request.

Prepared by:

Division Chief:

PK/JL:lw

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Baltimore County Government Fire Department



700 East Joppa Road Suite 901 Towson, MD 21286-5500

(410) 887-4500

DATE: 12/22/94

Arnold Jablon Director Zoning Administration and Development Management Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204 MAIL STOP-1105

Property Owner: SEE BELOW

LOCATION: DISTRIBUTION MEETING OF DEC. 27, 1994.

Item No.: SEE BELOW

Zoning Agenda:

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this Bureau and the comments below are applicable and required to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property.

8. The Fire Marshal's Office has no comments at this time, 209, 210, 211, IN REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING ITEM NUMBERS: 212, 214, 215 AND 216.



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REVIEWER: LT. ROBERT P. SAUERWALD Fire Marshal Office, PHONE 887-4881, MS-1102F

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Orville M. Jones
Petitioner

BEFORE THE
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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the abovecaptioned matter. Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

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Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204 (410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this ______ day of January, 1995, a copy of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to John B. Gontrum, Esquire, Romadka, Gontrum & McLaughlin, 814 Eastern Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21221, attorney for Petitioners.

Peter Max Zimmerman

Colbert Matz Rosenfelt & Woolfolk, Inc.

Civil Engineers • Landscape Architects • Land Surveyors • Land Planners



November 17, 1994

Re: Jones Car Wash Special Hearing

9523 Belair Road Job No. 94083

The petition has been filed to request a waiver of development standards for improvements along the rear frontage of this site, on Horn Avenue, in conjunction with the development of a car wash on this property.

The property is split-zoned, with the frontage along Horn Avenue zoned D.R.-16 and the remainder of the property zoned BL. The split zoning was done in 1988, and was intended to preclude any commercial use or access at the rear of the property along Horn Avenue. In addition, the Special Exception approval (Case No. CBA-93-133) includes a restriction that "No access shall be provided to Horn Avenue now or in the future". Finally, the grades of the site are such that the site will be higher than Horn Avenue, physically preventing any possible access to Horn Avenue.

The site layout is designed so that all vehicular traffic is within the BL portion of the site and the only access is from Belair Road at the front of the site. The rear of the property will remain vacant, to a depth varying from 30 to 50 feet from the street line along Horn Avenue. The site plan includes a 10-foot strip which will be dedicated to Baltimore County for the right-of-way of Horn Avenue.

Sites across Horn Avenue are entirely developed with single-family homes, and Baltimore County has restricted access to Horn Avenue by making it one-way north from a point just south of this property.

Because of the restrictions imposed by the Special Exception and the D.R. zoning, as well as the low traffic use on Horn Avenue, we request a variance to eliminate the Department of Public Works requirement to improve Horn Avenue along the frontage of this property.

Judith M. Floam

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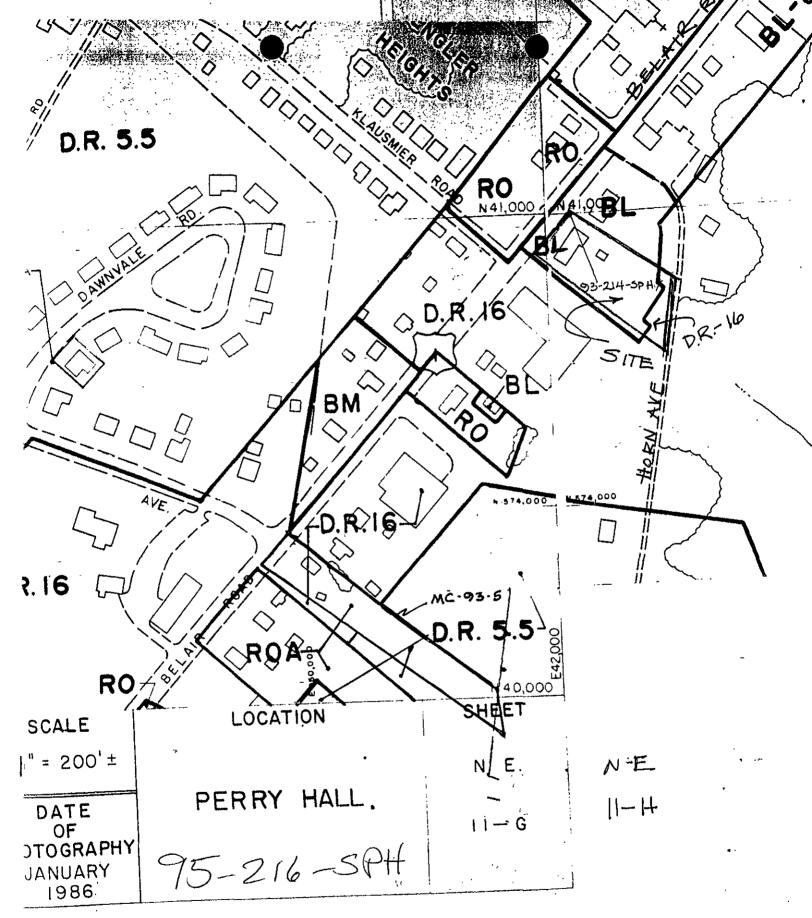


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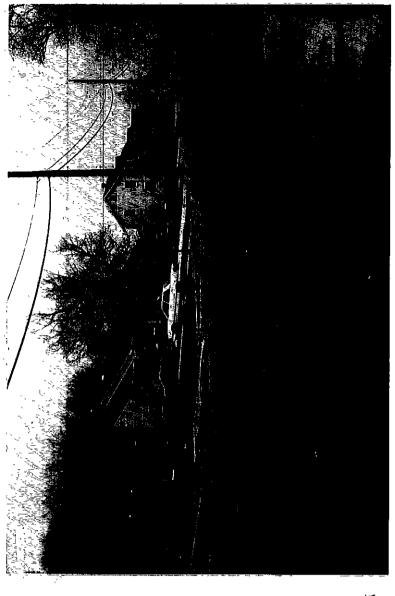
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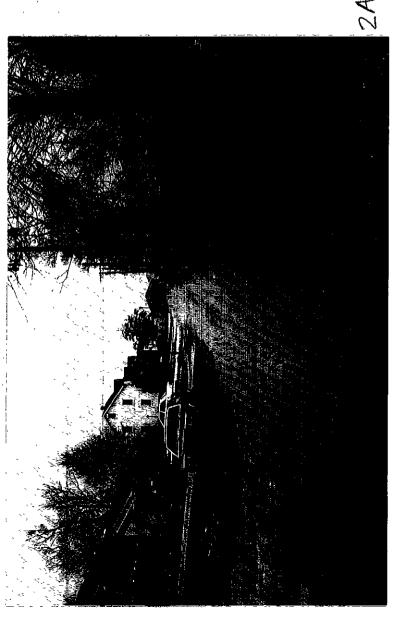
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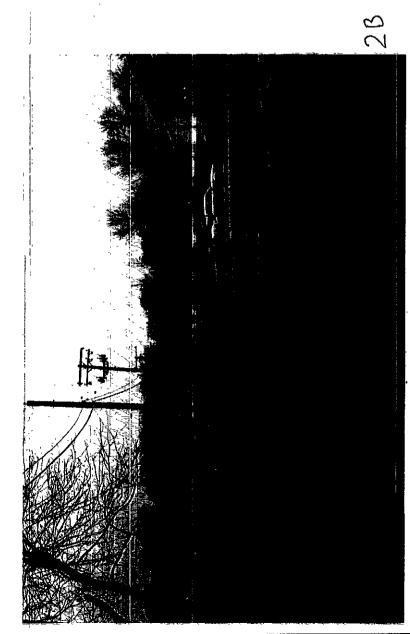
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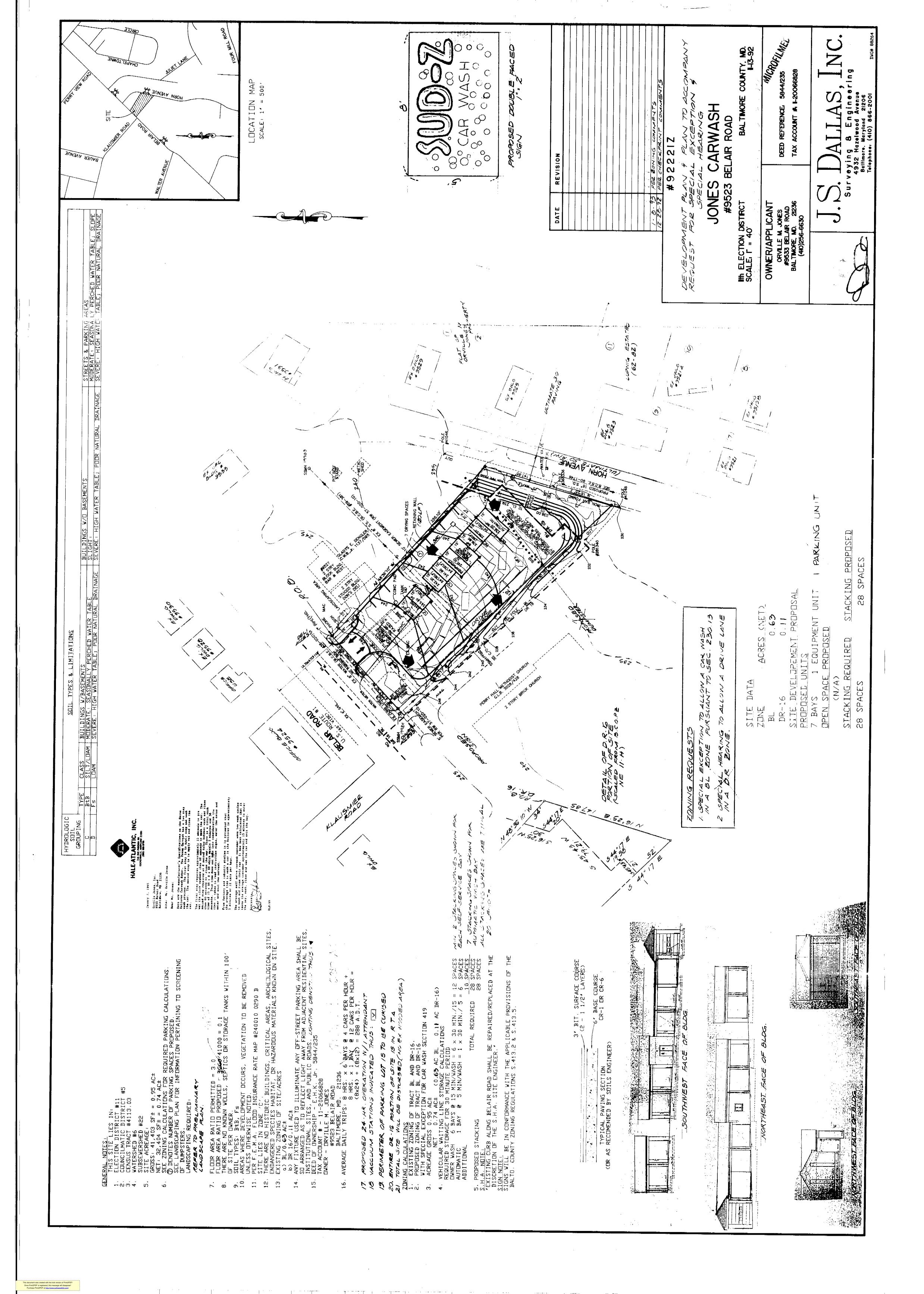
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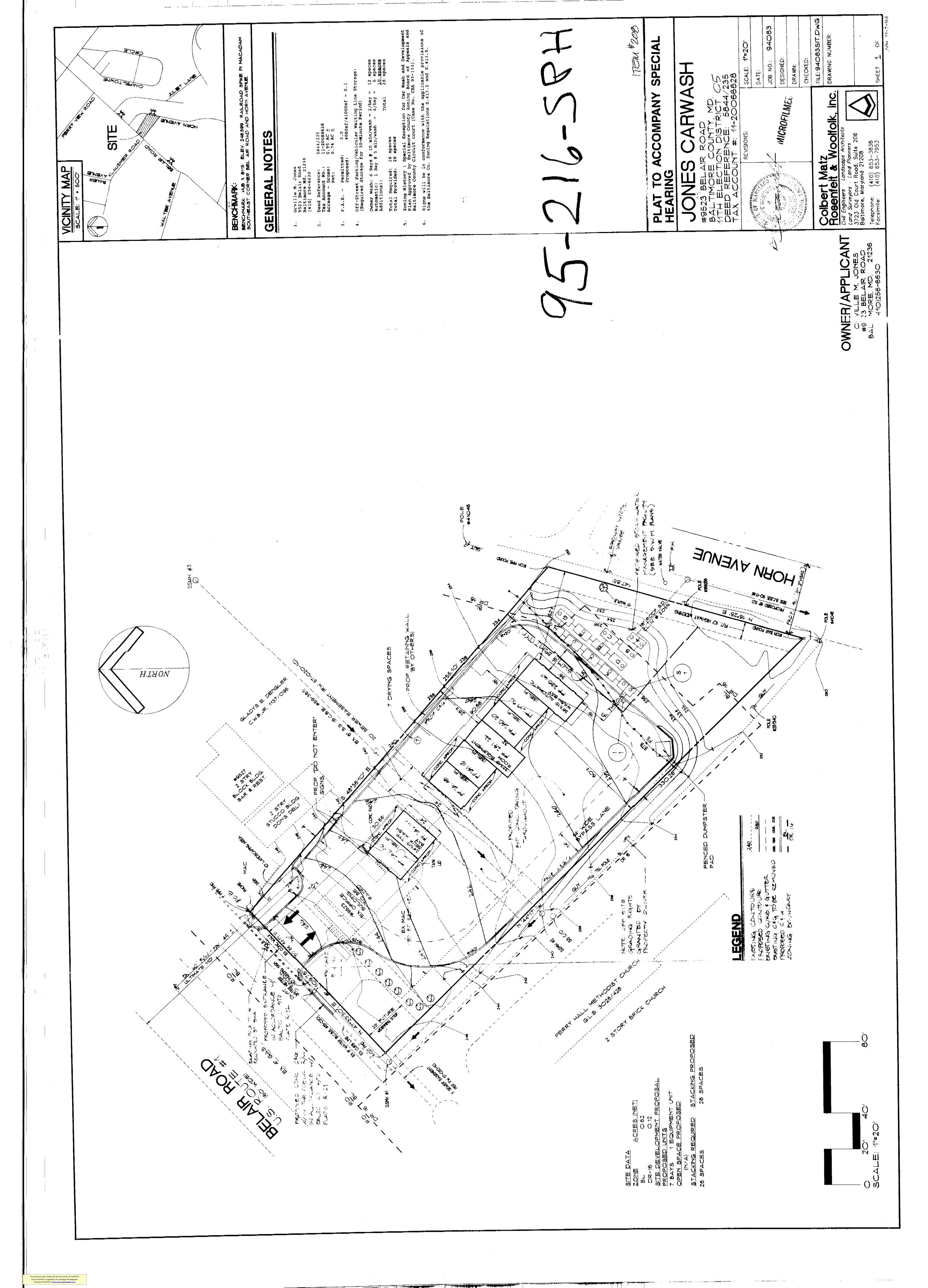


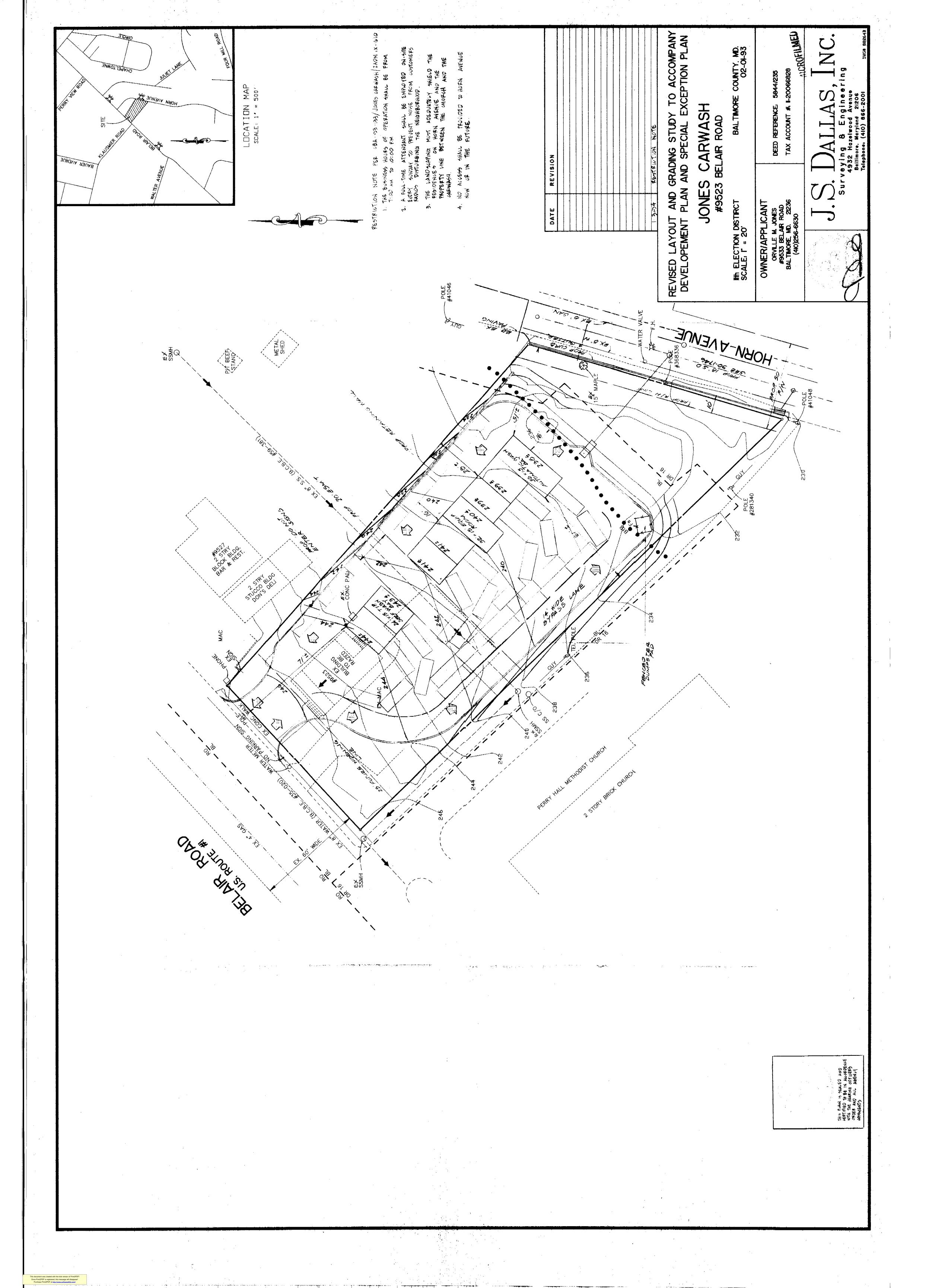












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Consideration of the proposed development of the subject property originally came before me as a combined Development Plan and Petitions for Special Hearing and Special Exception in Case Nos. XI-610 and 93-214-SPHX. In that matter, Mr. Jones petitioned this Commissioner for approval of a development plan, pursuant to the development regulations as codified in Title 26, Article V of the Baltimore County Code (B.C.C.), and a special exception to permit a car wash use in a B.L. zone. By my Opinion and Order

dated April 28, 1993, I denied the Petition for Special Exception. Moreover, the Petition for Special Hearing was withdrawn in open hearing. I also held that consideration of the development plan was moot and withheld approval of same in view of the denial of the special exception. Undeterred, the Petitioner filed an appeal to the Baltimore County Board of Appeals. The Board reheard the case as provided in the B.C.C., and upon due consideration of the facts presented, granted the Petition for Special Exception and approved the development plan. The matter has been further appealed by the Office of People's Counsel and opposing neighbors and is pending before the Court of Special Appeals at this time.

As noted in my earlier opinion, the subject property is a narrow, yet deep lot consisting of a net area of 0.74 acres, which fronts on Belair Road. The front 0.63 acres is zoned B.L., and the remaining 0.11 acres to the rear of the site is zoned D.R. 16. The Petitioner proposes to develop the site with a car wash. The proposed building will be perpendicular to Belair Road as shown on the plan. On the original plan, the Petitioner showed certain public works improvements to Horn Avenue, which borders the rear of this lot, adjacent to the D.R. 16 zoned portion of the site. On the other side of Horn Avenue, a residential community known as Ludwig Estates is situated.

In the instant case, the matter comes before me as a Petition for Special Hearing. The relief requested therein is quite unusual. As noted above, the request seeks a waiver of Department of Public Works standards for certain road improvements to the rear of the subject site. Specifically, the Petitioner seeks a waiver of Public Works standards which would require curb, gutter and sidewalks to the rear of the subject site. It was proffered at the hearing that the Petitioner/Developer is dedicating

Petition for Special Hearing

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

which is presently zoned BL & DR-16

for the property located at 9523 BELAIR ROAD

to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner should approve

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached

hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County,

an additional 10-foot right-of-way along the rear property line adjacent to Horn Avenue and would be paving an additional 5 feet of that roadway. However, notwithstanding these improvements, the Petitioner believes that full Public Works standards (i.e., curb, gutter and sidewalks) need not be installed. I agree. As set forth in my initial opinion in the prior case, I am appreciative of the residential character of the rear of this lot and community adjacent thereto. It seems most appropriate to me to foster the residential appearance of the property which abuts this neighborhood. Horn Avenue is a lightly travelled street, to which there will be no vehicular access from the subject car wash. There seems to be no logical reason to require improvements to this street and alter the character of same from a residential roadway to a commercial corridor. Moreover, the absence of any representatives from the Department of Public Works at the hearing, prevented the presentation of any testimony which was compelling in support of the full improvements. Thus, in my view, the relief requested in the Petition for Special Hearing should be granted.

It is also worth noting in passing that the request contained within the instant Petition for Special Hearing is unusual. This Zoning Commissioner cannot recall a similar case being so filed, although Section 500.7 of the B.C.Z.R. provides the Commissioner with wide discretion and authority. Clearly, the effect of this Petition is a request to amend the previously approved site plan/development plan for the project which is pending at the Court of Special Appeals.

Moreover, Section 26-172 of the B.C.C. is not a bar to the relief sought. That Section does provide the Hearing Officer the authority to grant waivers from certain development regulations at the request of a Department Director. It has been held that waivers may be granted only

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when a request is so made by a Department Director. Although no request has been made in this case, it is equally clear that this matter does not come before me sitting as a Hearing Officer, and thus, the development regulations are not applicable. Rather, my authority in this instance is derived from Section 500.7 of the B.C.Z.R. and the special hearing provisions thereunder.

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property and public hearing on this Petition held, and for the reasons set forth above, the special hearing relief requested shall be granted.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore day of April, 1995 that the Petition for Special Hearing seeking approval of a waiver of the Department of Public Works standards from making certain road improvements along the rear property line fronting Horn Avenue for a proposed car wash that was approved by the Baltimore County Board of Appeals in prior Case Nos. XI-610 and 93-214-SPHX, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 1, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

> 1) The Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

> > Smul & Short LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Coming Commissioner for Baltimore County

LES:bjs

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-4386

April 5, 1995

John B. Gontrum, Esquire 814 Eastern Boulevard Baltimore, Maryland 21221

Case No. 95-216-SPH

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING SE/S Belair Road, 150' SW of the c/l of Horn Avenue (9523 Belair Road) 11th Election District - 5th Councilmanic District Orville M. Jones - Petitioner

Dear Mr. Gontrum:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Special Hearing has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Zoning Commissioner

for Baltimore County

LES:bjs

cc: Mr. Orville M. Jones 9533 Belair Road, Baltimore, Md. 21236 Ms. Judith Floam, Colbert, Matz, Rosenfelt & Woolfolk, Inc. 3723 Old Court Road, Suite 206, Baltimore, Md. 21208

A WAIVER OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS STANDARDS FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO MAKE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE REAR PROPERTY FRONTAGE ON HORN AVENUE (SEE ATTACHED). Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations. I, of we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upon filling of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. Whe do sojemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjuly, that the are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of the Petition. 9533 BELAIR ROAD MD 21236 JUDITH FLOAM COLBERT MATZ ROSENFELT & WOOLFOLK, INC. EASTERN BLVD. 686-8274 3723 OLD COURT ROAD, STE. 206 BALTIMORE, MD 21208

J. S. DALLAS, INC. SURVEYING & ENGINEERING 4932 HAZELWOOD AVENUE BALTIMORE, MD 21206 (410) 866-2001 FAX (410) 866-2003

ZONING DESCRIPTION FOR JONES CARWASH # 9523 BELAIR ROAD

BEGINNING at a point on the southeast side of Belair Road, 60 feet wide, at the distance of 150 feet, more or less, in a southwesterly direction from the centerline of Horn Avenue thence running with and binding on the southwest side of Said Belair Road 1) South 47 degrees 33 minutes 30 seconds West 109.78 feet thence running the three following courses and distances: 2) South 44 degrees 17 minutes East 330.26 North 16 degrees 25 minutes East 147.85 feet and 4) North 48 degrees 36 minutes 10 seconds West 255.10 feet to the place of beginning. As recorded in Deed Liber 5844 Folio 235 etc.

CONTAINING 0.81 acres of land, more or less and located in the 11th election district.



CERTIFICATE OF POSTING ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 93-116-5 PH

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TOWSON, MD., Dec. 30 , 1994 THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of ___ successive weeks, the first publication appearing on Dec. 29, 1994



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Date 12-12-94 MR. ORVILLE M. JONES

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95-216-5P BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND No. 150059 OFFICE OF FINANCE - REVENUE DIVISION MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT

VALIDATION OR SIGNATURE OF CASHIER

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-3353

January 13, 1995

John Guntrum, Esquire 814 Eastern Blvd. Baltimore, Maryland 21221

> RE: Item No.: 208 Case No.: 95-216SPH Petitioner: Orville Jones

Dear Mr. Guntrum:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approving agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. Said petition was accepted for processing by, the Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management (ZADM), Development Control Section on December 12, 1994.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties; i.e., zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc. are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

> W. Cont Richard you W. Carl Richards, Jr. Zoning Supervisor

WCR/jw Attachment(s)

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ZONING HEARING ADVERTISING AND POSTING REQUIREMENTS & PROCEDURES

Baltimore County Zoning Regulations require that notice be given to the general public/neighboring property owners relative to property which is the subject of an upcoming zoning hearing. For those petitions which require a public hearing, this notice is accomplished by posting a sign on the property and placement of a notice in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the County.

This office will ensure that the legal requirements for posting and advertising are satisfied. However, the petitioner is responsible for the costs associated with these requirements.

PAYMENT WILL BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

1) Posting fees will be accessed and paid to this office at the time of filing.

2) Billing for legal advertising, due upon receipt, will come from and should be remitted directly to the newspaper. NON-PAYMENT OF ADVERTISING FEES WILL STAY ISSUANCE OF ZONING ORDER.

For newspaper advertising:

Item No.: 208 Petitioner: ORVILLE M. JONES

Location: 9523 BELAIR PP

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

Arnold Jabion, Director

Development Management

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

the position of the Department of Public Works.

for January 3, 1995

FROM: Dobert W. Bowling, Chief

Item No. 208

Zoning Administration and

Developers Engineering Section

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

The Developers Engineering Section has reviewed the subject zoning

item. This site is subject to all previous landscape review comments. In

addition, the previous comments from the Development Review Committee

recommended against granting a waiver of the improvements to horn Avenue. These improvements are the responsibility of the Developer. This is still

Date: January 5, 1995

PLEASE FORWARD ADVERTISING BILL TO: NAME: ORVILLE HI JONES 9533 BELAIR JONES

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NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenne in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 95-216-SPH (Item 208) 9523 Belair Road SE/S Belair Road, 150'+ SW of c/l Horn Avenue 11th Election District - 5th Councilmanic Legal Owner(s): Orville M. Jones HEARING: PRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1995 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 106, County Office Building.

Special Hearing to approve a waiver of the Department of Public Works standards from the requirement to

make road improvements along the rear property frontage on Horn Avenne.

LAWRENCE E. SCHOOL ZONING COMMISSIONER FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY

NOTES: (1) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE: FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (2) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, PLEASE CALL 887-3391.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Development Coordination

SUBJECT: Zoning Advisory Committee Agenda: Dec. 27, 1994

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

The Department of Environmental Protection & Resource Management has (no

comments for the following Zoning Advisory Committee Items:

Baltimore County Government Office of Zoning Administration and Development Management



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CASE NUMBER: 95-216-SPH (Item 208) 9523 Belair Road

111 West Chesapeake Avenue

DECEMBER 22, 1994

Towson, MD 21204

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Special Hearing to approve a waiver of the Department of Public Works standards from the requirement to make road improvements along the rear property frontage on Horn Avenue.

cc: Orville M. Jones John Gontrum, Esq. Judith Floam

> NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPRAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE. (2) HEARINGS ARE HAMDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMUNITIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353. (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.

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INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director Zoning Administration & Development Management

FROM: Pat Keller, Director Office of Planning and Zoning

DATE: January 3, 1995

SUBJECT: 9523 Belair Rd.

INFORMATION: Item Number:208

Petitioner:

Orville M. Jones

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Based upon an analysis of the information provided, staff defers to the position of the Department of Public Works regarding the subject request.

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